(c) to (e) The average annual water resources potential in the Ganga Basin has been estimated to be 525 Billion Cubic Meter by Central Water Commission. This is about 28% of the total average annual water resources potential in the country.

System deficiences of channels

3635. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI :
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the approval of 27 project proposals amounting to Rs. 45.60 crores for correction of system deficiencies of channels upto 150 cusec capacity in Chambal command area of Rajasthan State;

(b) if so, the action taken so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal of Government of Rajasthan for correction of system deficiencies in 27 distributary systems of up to 150 cusec capacity in the Chambal command area of Rajasthan amounting to Rs. 45.60 crores has been approved by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Sharing of Ravi Beas water

3636. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per 1981 agreement for sharing of Ravi Beas water there is a provision "until such time Rajasthan is in position to utilize its full share, Punjab may utilize the water surplus to Rajasthan's requirement;

(b) whether Government intends to direct BBMB to restore remaining 0.60 MAF to Rajasthan;

(c) if so, by what specific time; and

(d) if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : (a) The 1981 agreement re-allocating the mean supply of surplus Ravi-Beas waters contains a provision which states "until such time as Rajasthan is in position to utilize its full share, Punjab shall be free to utilize the waters surplus to Rajasthan's requirements".